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FOR SCS (OBIT/SCS)

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, LY
SUBJ: VESSELS AND SEAMAN DEATH
U.S. SEMAN FLORENTINO REYES

REF: STATE 195861

1. SUBJECT BEING SHIPPED AIR FREIGHT OCT 5 ALITALIA AZ-610 TO JFK, ONWARD SHIPMENT VIA DELTA DL-289 AT 2150 HOURS, ARRIVES HOUSTON 0118 HOURS OCT 6. CONSIGNEE STRACHAN SHIPPING CO, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

2. AUTOPSY NOT PERFORMED PER DECISION DIRECTOR HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPALITY. DEATH CERTIFICATE STATES CAUSE OF DEATH SUFFOCATION UNDER WATER.

3. CAPTAIN OF THE S/T NATIONAL DEFENDER GIVES THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS OF ACCIDENT:

1) THAT HE WENT OVERBOARD OF HIS OWN FREE WILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING A SWIM.

2) THAT HE CLIMBED DOWN A LINE ON THE PORTSIDE OF THE POOP DECK AFT.

3) THAT HE LEFT HIS KEYS WITH MR. RAMHDRO GONZALES, CH. COOK AND TOLD HIM HE WAS GOING SWIMMING. (MR. GONZALES ASSUMED HE MEANT IN THE SWIMMING POOL BACK
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4) THAT AFTER HE WAS IN THE WATER HE ATTEMPTED TO SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT TO BUOY NUMBER 5.

5) THAT HE STOPPED SWIMMING BEFORE HE REACHED NUMBER 5 BUOY, HIS HEAD GOING UNDER THE WATER.

6) THAT APPARENTLY VERY LITTLE WATER WAS TAKEN IN HIS LUNGS AND THAT THE BODY WAS AFLOAT AT ALL TIMES. THIS LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF DEATH MAY BE DUE TO HEART FAILURE DUE TO OVER EXERTION.

7) THAT THE BODY FLOATED DOWN PAST NUMBER 6 BUOY.

8) THAT THE MOORING MASTER WAS ADVISED AND HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE BOAT WHICH PICKED UP THE BODY, AND ALSO ADVISED SHORE PERSONNEL TO HAVE A DOCTOR READY.

9) THAT WHEN THE BODY WAS RECOVERED THE CHIEF ENGINEER ACCOMPANIED THE BODY ASHORE.

SIGNED: PETER DOUHAS, MASTER.
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